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MINUTES OF THE 42D ANNUAL SESSION

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

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# CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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MILLERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, MILLERVILLE, ALA.,  
OCTOBER 14, 15 AND 16, 1896.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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**The Moderator shall call the meeting to order.**

**Read the letters and enroll the names of messengers.**

**Elect a Moderator and Clerk.**

**The Clerk shall be Treasurer.**

**Moderator appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.**

**Read Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.**

**Call for Petitionary Letters.**

**Receive Correspondents from sister Associations.**

**Appoint Correspondents to sister Associations and Conventions.**

**Call for Reports of Standing Committees.**

**Approve places of holding district meetings.**

**Appoint a person to write Corresponding Letters.**

**The Preaching Committee to report who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session.**

**Appoint time and place of holding the next session of this Association.**

**Hear the Report on Finance.**

**Consider resolutions that may be entertained by the body.**

**Miscellaneous business.**

MINUTES OF THE 42D ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

The Millerville Baptist Church, Millerville,  
Ala., October 14, 15 and 16,

1896.

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OFFICERS:

REV. W. T. DAVIS, MODERATOR, Lineville, Ala.  
J. A. BELL, CLERK AND TREASURER, Lineville, Ala.

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The next session of the Carey Baptist Association will be held with Spring Hill,  
(Daviston), Church, Tallapoosa County, Ala., commencing on  
Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1897.

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PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME,  
TALLADEGA ALA,  
1896



## MINUTES.

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The ministers and messengers composing the forty-second annual session of the Carey Baptist Association assembled with Millerville Baptist Church on Wednesday, the 14th day of October, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M.

After singing and prayer, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Conger. Text, Isaiah 62: 1. The sermon was full of the gospel, and edifying to the people.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. T. Davis. After singing, and prayer by Rev. C. J. Bentley, the letters from the churches were presented, and the Moderator appointed Brethren C. J. Bentley, J. K. Jenkins and W. S. Henderson to read them.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

#### FIRST DISTRICT.

ASHLAND—E. A. Phillips, F. J. Ingram, L. G. Dean and R. L. Black.

ANTIOCH—A. W. Dison and J. W. Sewell.

HATCHETT CREEK—J. W. Brooks, W. T. Dison and M. L. Ponder.

FRIENDSHIP—

LIBERTY—J. W. Walker, W. W. McMath, A. L. Haynes and J. C. Riley.

MOUNT LEBANON—H. M. Hudgins.

ROCK HILL—W. H. Pursley and J. L. Campbell.

SPRING HILL (Clay)—N. M. Hansby, J. T. Bonner and J. A. Danielly.

POLE BRIDGE—A. O. Gravett and G. L. Griffin.

BOWDON GROVE—Z. T. Carpenter and N. V. Thomas.

#### SECOND DISTRICT.

MOUNT ZION—W. T. Wheelis and J. W. Hughes.

MILLERVILLE—W. M. Catchings, J. W. Carr and J. R. Nelson.

NEW SALEM—C. G. Cook, C. L. Partridge and J. D. Wright.

PROVIDENCE—E. C. Holdridge, E. W. Vernon and W. B. Sooley.

ROCK CREEK—R. J. Moody, G. B. Rotten and W. H. McWharter.

ROCK SPRINGS—B. F. Luker, J. E. Holmes and C. Z. Luker.

SARDIS—L. B. Gibson, A. M. Fuller.

UNION HILL—W. J. Williams and Henry Linton.

### THIRD DISTRICT.

BETHEL (Clay)—J. C. Galloway and W. F. Pursell.  
COUNTY LINE—T. D. Dawkins, W. S. Miller, A. H. Fargason, A. J. Johnson.  
CORINTH—P. Y. Roberson and J. F. Carter.  
LYSTRA—T. E. Runyan, C. Tenny, J. L. Napper and J. W. Carr.  
MOUNT CALVARY—A. A. Worthy and T. J. Worthy.  
MOUNT OLIVE—J. W. Wright and J. R. Wilson.  
MOUNT PISGAH—J. I. Waldrop and G. W. James.  
MOUNTAIN SPRINGS—J. M. Laney, L. R. Champion, W. G. Worthy and J. T. Ogle.  
UNION—S. A. Kilgore, S. L. Walker and W. D. Tidwell.  
SPRING HILL (Tal.)—John D. Dunn, W. B. Thompson, O. J. Ison, C. C. Fargason, A. D. Thompson and W. A. Cotney.

### FOURTH DISTRICT.

CONCORD—R. H. Shadix and T. S. Barton.  
GOOD HOPE—J. C. Hubbard and N. F. Owens.  
LINEVILLE—J. A. Bell, J. W. Moon, W. H. Smith and J. W. Reeves.  
MOUNT PROSPECT—P. T. Yates.  
NEW HOPE—W. M. Childs and J. D. Farrow.  
SALEM—W. M. Farrow, William Cockrell, J. Amerson and J. V. Wilson.  
SHILOAH—G. E. Stanford and J. C. Stanford.  
ZION HILL—L. W. Nelson and W. B. Smith.  
MOUNT PLEASANT—W. P. Bell.

Call for petitionary letters. None.

On motion, Rev. W. T. Davis and Brother J. A. Bell were elected by ballot, respectively. Moderator and Clerk. On motion, the Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum were read. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING—W. P. Bell and B. F. Luker with messengers of Millerville Church.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE—F. J. Ingram, E. A. Phillips and J. D. Garrett.

Correspondence from sister Associations were called for, and the following named brethren responded:

COOSA RIVER—Rev. W. S. Henderson, representing Howard College.  
EAST LIBERTY—Rev. G. L. Bell, Rev. A. S. Brannon and T. J. McKelvey.  
BOILING SPRINGS—Rev. W. M. Garrett, and Rev. J. W. Thompson visitor from Marshall Association.

The preaching committee announced that Rev. W. M. Garrett would preach at night; that Rev. G. L. Bell would preach at the M. E. Church at 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday,

and that Rev. C. J. Bentley would preach at the Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Thursday.

Before adjourning, messengers were assigned their homes. After singing, and prayer by Rev. C. J. Bentley, the body adjourned until 9 A. M. Thursday.

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THURSDAY, October 15.

Devotional exercises were conducted half an hour by Rev. J. K. Jenkins, of Georgia, after which the Moderator called the body to order. Correspondents were appointed as follows:

**LIBERTY ASSOCIATION**—To convene Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1897, at Dadeville, Tallapoosa County, Alabama: C. C. Fargason, C. J. Bentley, A. D. Thompson, R. M. Allen and J. W. Walker.

**BOILING SPRINGS**—Four miles east of Delta, Saturday before fourth Sunday in October, 1896: F. J. Ingram, W. H. Preston, W. T. Davis and J. W. Stephens.

**ROCK MILLS**—On Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1896: W. M. Worthy, C. Tenny, S. A. Kilgore, J. C. Motley and J. A. Dunn.

**CENTRAL**—Time and place not given: R. M. Allen and C. J. Kenady. **COOSA RIVER**—On Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1897, at Sycamore: M. L. Ponder, J. E. Homes, B. F. Luker, J. D. Garrett, J. L. Ingram, W. C. Brooks, Green Griffin, J. B. Luker, C. Tenny, R. E. Conger, J. R. Conger, H. Ingram and J. M. Luker.

**TALLAPOOSA RIVER**—On Wednesday after third Sunday in October, 1896. Place not given.

**ARBACOOCHA**—Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1896: J. W. Knowles.

**CALHOUN**—At Anniston; time not given: W. D. Haynes and W. T. Davis.

**STATE CONVENTION**—To convene at Huntsville, Ala., on the 6th of November, 1896: C. J. Bentley, W. J. D. Upshaw and W. H. Preston.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**—To convene with First Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina, May, 1897: W. T. Davis. Alternates: C. J. Bentley and J. C. Motley.

It was suggested that the Churches defray the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. \$1.7c cash was handed in to the Treasurer in advance, and J. C. Motley and J. W. Stephens agreed to give 50 cents and \$1.00 respectively

Times and places of holding district meetings:

**FIRST DISTRICT**—Mount Pleasant Church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1897.  
**SECOND DISTRICT**—To convene with Providence Church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1897.  
**THIRD DISTRICT**—To convene with Bethel Church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1897.  
**FOURTH DISTRICT**—Liberty Church, Friday before second Sunday in August, 1897.

On motion, it was agreed to have all reports on missions read and discussed under one head.

The committee not being ready to report on State Missions, the last report on the work was read. The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were read.

The discussion was opened by Brethren W. J. D. Upshaw, C. J. Bentley and W. S. Henderson. Their speeches will no doubt have a telling effect on the Carey Association.

Adjourned for one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock the body reassembled, and after prayer by Rev. J. C. Motley, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The discussion of the reports on Missions was re-opened, and the reports discussed by Brethren J. C. Motley, R. M. Allen, J. C. Galloway, W. S. Henderson, W. T. Davis, W. H. Preston, W. C. Brooks, J. R. Conger and J. A. Dunn. Adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read, and discussed by Brethren W. S. Henderson, C. J. Bentley, W. T. Davis, J. R. Conger and W. P. Bell. The herewith appended report on Ministerial Education was adopted with the committee's report.

On motion, it was agreed to suspend the regular order of business, and have a report read on the Orphans' Home. Report read, and discussed by Brethren C. J. Bentley, F. P. Nichols and W. S. Henderson. Adopted.

The committee announced that Rev. J. W. Thompson would preach at night Thursday.

FRIDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Singing. Prayer by Rev. J. J. McCord. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and a resolution adopted limiting the speeches during the remainder of the session to five minutes.

The report on Bible and Colportage work was read and adopted.

Report of Executive Committee read. Adopted.

Report of Colporteur read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read. Discussed by Brethren C. J. Bentley, J. D. Dunn, J. J. McCord, W. P. Bell, W. T. Davis, J. R. Conger and R. M. Allen. Adopted.

Report on Sunday-schools was read and adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals, not having any report, on motion, the report in last minutes was read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

The Clerk was appointed to write the corresponding letter.

Rev. W. H. Preston was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the body.

A motion prevailed that the next session of this Association be held with the Baptist Church at Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1897.

On motion, a collection was taken up for the Orphans' Home. Collection, \$6.60.

A collection was also taken up for the Evangelist and Colporteur. Collection, \$5.60.

Adjourned for dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock. After singing and prayer, the Moderator called the Association to order.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and the following amounts were pledged for the ensuing year for missions :

Aahland . . . . .	\$50.00	Mt. Zion . . . . .	\$ 2.50
Bethel . . . . .	2.50	Mountain Springs . . . . .	8.00
Bowden Grove . . . . .	4.00	New Salem . . . . .	5.00
Concord . . . . .	5.00	Providence . . . . .	20.00
Good Hope . . . . .	5.00	Rock Springs . . . . .	2.50
Liberty . . . . .	10.00	Rock Hill . . . . .	10.00
Lineville . . . . .	60.00	Sardis . . . . .	2.50
Lystra . . . . .	2.00	Shiloh . . . . .	5.00
Hatchett Creek . . . . .	5.00	Spring Hill (C) . . . . .	5.00
Millerville . . . . .	20.00	Spring Hill (T) . . . . .	30.00
Mt. Calvary . . . . .	10.00	Union Hill . . . . .	2.00
Mt. Olive . . . . .	2.00	Union . . . . .	5.00
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	10.00	Zion Hill . . . . .	5.00
Mt. Prospect . . . . .	2.00		

The following amounts were pledged for the Evangelist and Colporteur :

Ashland . . . . .	\$ 5.00	Mt. Prospect . . . . .	\$ 3.00
Bethel (C) . . . . .	5.00	Mt. Zion . . . . .	3.00
Bowden Grove . . . . .	4.00	New Salem . . . . .	5.00
Concord . . . . .	5.00	Providence . . . . .	2.50
Good Hope . . . . .	5.00	Rock Creek . . . . .	2.50
Liberty . . . . .	2.50	Mountain Springs . . . . .	5.00
Lineville . . . . .	20.00	Shiloh . . . . .	2.50
Hatchett Creek . . . . .	2.50	Spring Hill (C) . . . . .	2.50
Lystra . . . . .	2.00	Spring Hill (T) . . . . .	10.00
Millerville . . . . .	5.00	Union Hill . . . . .	2.00
Mt. Calvary . . . . .	5.00	Union . . . . .	5.00
Mt. Olive . . . . .	2.00	Zion Hill . . . . .	2.00
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	5.00		

The following resolutions were then offered:

RESOLVED, 1st, That the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for preparing and distributing minutes.

RESOLVED, 2d, That the Treasurer pay to Rev. J. A. Dunn, our Evangelist and Colporteur, whatever amount of money he has on hand sent up by the Churches for the different Mission funds.

RESOLVED, 3d, That the funds sent to this Association in future shall be appropriated as directed by the Churches in their letters to the Association.

RESOLVED, 4th, That the sincere thanks of this body be tendered to the Baptist Church and citizens of Millerville for the very hospitable manner in which the Association was entertained, and, also, to the Methodist Church for allowing us the use of their building to hold preaching services.

RESOLVED, 5th, That hereafter the district meetings be held on a fifth Sunday, so that the ministers and deacons can have a better opportunity to attend. And 2d, That at these meetings they can decide when and where the next district meeting will be held, and the Church at which the meeting is held shall report the same in its letter to the Association, so it can be published in the minutes of the Association.

A song was sung; the ministers and messengers extended the parting hand, and Brother James Toland led in fervent prayer. The Moderator then announced that the Association stood adjourned.

W. T. DAVIS, MODERATOR.

J. A. BELL, CLERK.

## REPORTS.

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### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

To the Carex Baptist Association:

BRETHREN—We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend the Alabama Baptist to the members of this Association. We believe from the study of its pages that it will inculcate Baptist principles stronger in the minds of its readers, and that it will act as a stimulant, causing us to be more energetic in the work of Christ.

We recommend our Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday-school helps and paper as being equal to any published anywhere. We recommend Sabbath-schools to every Church, and the use of this noble literature, because it enables us to get truths from the Bible that we could not get without its helps.

We recommend the Mission Journal to all our people. We get the information from its pages that is so much needed among the brethren of some of our Churches. We believe by studying this Journal and taking heed to its teachings that we could march up to this Association a stronger band of missionaries than ever before in the history of our Association.

A. W. PARKER, Chairman.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We employed Brother J. A. Dunn as Evangelist and Colporteur in the Association for the Associational year 1895-6, for the sum of \$300, allowing him to serve one Church.

Respectfully submitted.

A. D. THOMPSON, Chairman.

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### REPORT OF EVANGELIST AND COLPORTEUR.

(FOR THE YEAR 1895-6.)

Number of Bibles sold, 57; value, \$87.60. Number of Testaments sold, 105; value, \$37.15. Number of religious books sold, 219; value, \$30.60. Total number of books sold, 384. Total value of books sold, \$163.35. Number of tracts distributed, 1000; Number of Sunday-school lectures, 13; Number of prayer meetings attended, 15; Number of families visited, 345; Number of miles traveled, 2,553; Number of sermons preached, 130; Amount received from Executive Committee, \$25.92; Amount due, \$274.08.

J. A. DUNN, Evan. and Colp.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report on our State work:

Regarding the subject in the light of truth, we trust that it is the motto of the Baptist host of Alabama to carry the gospel of God to every nook and corner of the State. Indeed, if we rightly appreciate the command of our blessed Lord and master, we cannot be content while there are any who are destitute of the word of life in our bounds. The memorable words of the Savior, found written in Acts 1:8. "Ye shall be witnesses unto the both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," should certainly have a charm for each true disciple of Christ that would impel him to the highest possible idea of duty with reference to State Missions, which answers beautifully to the Judea missions of Christ's day.

This great work has been grandly supervised for many years by our beloved W. B. Crumpton. Many churches have been constituted, many houses of worship have been erected, many happy hearts are lifted Heavenward today over the State, and many sacred altars of worship have been erected to God's honor during our organized efforts to preach the gospel to the destitute of our beloved Alabama, a great portion of which, doubtless, would not have been accomplished had it not been for the united effort of the brotherhood of the State.

Also, State mission is the foundation of all other mission work. It is building surely; it is building scripturally—"Beginning at Jerusalem." But, at the same time, we can't afford to wait for the conversion of all in our bounds before we press out into all Judea and to the uttermost part of the earth.

Further, we recommend that this Association continue their hearty co-operation with the State board, and raise by subscription, or pledge, the amount apportioned us by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. D. UPSHAW,  
For the Committee.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Received from Finance Committee:

Cash for minutes . . . . .	\$47 68
For Bible and Colportage work, cash . . . . .	91 53
For Bible and Colportage work, voucher . . . . .	\$ 10 00
For Home Missions, cash . . . . .	32 32
For Home Missions, voucher . . . . .	10 20
For Foreign Missions, cash . . . . .	34 76
For Foreign Missions, voucher . . . . .	39 76
For State Missions, cash . . . . .	76 91
For State Missions, voucher . . . . .	14 30
For Orphans' Home, cash . . . . .	3 30
For Orphans' Home, voucher . . . . .	15 08
For Howard College, cash . . . . .	10 00
For Howard College, voucher . . . . .	9 05
For Judson Institute, voucher . . . . .	3 53
For Ministerial Education, voucher . . . . .	2 00
 Total from Finance Committee . . . . .	 \$ 400 42

TREASURER'S REPORT.—CON.

DR.

Received by general collection for Bible and Col-	
portagé work	\$ 6 50
Received by general collection for Orphan's Home	6 60
Amount on hand from last session	13 42
Total	\$ 426 94

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By am't paid W. T. Davis for Orphan's Home	\$ 6 60
By am't paid J. A. Dunn, (Raised by collection),	6 50
By am't paid A. D. Thompson, chairman Ex. Com.	13 42
By am't paid J. A. Dunn, Colporteur and Evangelist	254 42
By am't used in printing and distributing minutes	47 68
By am't paid to missions, etc., as per above vouchers	103 92
Total	\$ 432 54
Excess paid by Treasurer to J. A. Dunn	\$ 5 60

NOTE—For authority in paying Evangelist and Colporteur from Mission's funds, etc., see resolution in Minutes.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

What is temperance? The best definition gives it as prohibition of excess in anything, especially as it applies to drunkards and drunkard-making.

Paul says, "Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, all to the glory of God."—1st Cor. 10:31. We recommend that we as a denomination abstain from the use of intoxicants as a beverage, and that we refuse to aid in this heinous crime by signing petitions of any kind for the sale of intoxicants, or aiding in any way the propagation of a business which is destructive of Christian influence, and which destroys the happiness of homes and damns the souls of men. Can we as Christians heed the injunction of Paul while we, by our influence, votes and appetites aid the growth of such a power as the liquor business has become in our country, during this, the Christian civilization of the present century. Brethren, we must take a stand in this matter—standing squarely on the word of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us be earnestly engaged not only in word, but in deed. Dear brethren, let us pray that this depraved appetite be subdued among our beloved boys and young men of this beautiful land of ours, and that instead thereof, the love of God may be planted deep down in their souls, resulting in their eternal salvation.

We pray God that we, as brethren of the Carey Baptist Association be found at our post in the vineyard of the Lord, when he shall see fit to call us home.

Your committee,

J. T. MOUNTAIN.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We are sorry to note a decrease in the number of churches reporting Sunday-schools this year over last. We know and realize that there is a great lack of Sunday-school spirit in the Carey Association. We know that there is a large per cent. of the members of the various churches composing this Association who do not attend Sunday-school, or encourage it in the least—stay at home on Sunday and read political papers, etc., and allow their children to play marbles and the like.

Now, we think that if the Sunday-school is not a good plan whereby we may search the Scriptures as we are commanded, we want some anti-Sunday-school Baptist to institute a better plan whereby we may learn more of the blessed truthe contained in the Bible.

We are commanded to "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life," and we know that the Sunday-school is the best plan that can be gotten up whereby the masses may study the Bible more intelligently. We know that it has been a great power for good in the world.

Brethren, arouse yourselves and engage in this grand and glorious work.

Brother Superintendents and teachers, be steadfast and immovable. If the brethren don't help you by their presence and participation, pray the Lord to forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Z. LUKER.

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### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

While much may be said and has been said on this subject, we desire to suggest, with simple earnestness, that on a proper education and training of our ministers of the gospel more depends than does a higher education for any other class of men in the world. They are our exemplars, our teachers, our leaders. All praise is due to preachers who are comparatively uneducated for the vast amount of good accomplished by them; yet, how much more might they have done with better intellectual training? One must be somewhat educated to expound the teachings of the gospel in its full simplicity and power. Without a trained intellect few preachers are able to give a forceful exposition of any particular text in a space of time best suited for the accomplishment of the most good. The demand of the times is growing, more and more, for an educated ministry.

Our young ministers who are stepping forward to serve a different age and generation to that which their fathers served, should not neglect to equip themselves with the armor of battle. If they would be intellectual and gospel warriors they must put on intellectual and gospel armor. New advantages and opportunities are springing up around us almost daily. The preachers—the lights of the world—should, most of all, make use of whatever opportunities come within their grasp. Our churches could not do better than make a liberal appropriation for this worthy cause.

H. J. WILLINGHAM,  
J. C. MOTLEY,  
E. A. PHILLIPS,  
Committee.

**RESOLVED**, 1st, That this Association again confidently recommend to its ministry, Brother A. S. Anderson's System of Sermon Building as an available help in easy access to all, and which should meet the hearty acceptance of all God's servants who need better preparation to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

**RESOLVED**, 2d, That we as messengers from the various churches ask our churches to consider the demand of this work on us in its effort to equip our ministry for their life work in the Master's name, and that we contribute of our means to the support of this work.

**RESOLVED**, 3d, That we will ask our churches to do what they can to help pay the debt of Howard College, sending the money promptly to our Secretary, Brother J. A. Bell, to be forwarded to Brother P. T. Hale, Birmingham, Ala., President Board of Trustees.

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#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

**DEAR BRETHREN**—We as constituents of the Southern Baptist Convention, are urged to contribute to the support of the Home Mission Work, both in prayer and money.

Surely we should heed the call with prayerful hearts and open hands; for in Alabama's own soil, the home board first rooted itself; here amidst the warm rays of a genial sun it grew and flourished, and here it has been watered by the tears and sacrifices of God's people, until now it is bearing much fruit.

The report of the Home Mission Board at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, sets forth such an array of facts as to establish beyond question the success of the work. The Home Mission Work is that which the Home Board is doing within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. This board was first located at Marion, Ala., but is now removed to Atlanta, Ga. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne is President, and Dr. I. T. Tichenor Corresponding Secretary. As the years go by, this board enlarges its work. By reference to the report on Home Missions at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, you will gather the following facts: During the last conventional year the board had 411 missionaries employed; baptized 5617; received by letter 6672; total received, 13295; Sunday-schools organized, 372; churches constituted, 207; houses of worship built, 92; houses of worship improved, 146; amounts expended on houses of worship, \$86,209. Together with many tracts and bibles distributed among the people, and many religious visits by these men of God, the effect of which will never be known till God shall call his laborers home to rest.

Just here it becomes us to acknowledge, thankfully, the untold aid of our Southern women in this great work, for the past few years. Boxes sent to frontier missionaries during the past year, amounted to \$21,475, and 224 families were thus assisted. These boxes of clothing, prepared by Christian hands and sent to the humble, needy homes of the Christian sentinels, who hold aloof His banner in a far off field, have caused many a heart to well up to God in gratitude; and, besides this, these Godly women have raised \$56,342 in money for Home and Foreign Missions. My brethren, the work of the Home Board is appalling; there is an alarming amount of ignorance among our white population of the South, among the ministry as well as others, and it is sad to note that Alabama is next to zero in the scale of education; further, there are in Alabama more than 1200 ordained ministers among us, not more than one-fourth of whom are educated.

Now it is impossible that these men of God go to the Howard or Seminary. Then what is to be done? Shall the people grope in the darkness for the want of leaders? We answer, no. There is help at the very door for these preachers if they will accept the offered aid, I allude to the "Institute Work," which is endorsed as a part of our work. All of our preachers ought, by all means, take the correspondence course as taught by Dr. G. S. Anderson—also, attend his institutes held throughout the State. Our churches should encourage their pastors in becoming more efficient in the great work to which the Lord has called them. Help your preachers and they in turn will help the churches. This, it seems to your committee, is a very important part of our home work. We recommend that all of our churches take collections for this work annually.

Dear brethren of the Carey Association, let us rise to the magnitude of our duty in this great work, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and again, "beginning at Jerusalem, ye shall be witnesses unto me in Samaria, Judea, and to the uttermost part of the earth." Again it is written, "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. J. D. UPSHAW.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:	
We find for minutes, cash . . . . .	\$47 68—\$ 47 68
Bible and Colportage—	
Cash . . . . .	91 53
Voucher . . . . .	10 00— 81 53
Home Missions—	
Cash . . . . .	32 32
Voucher . . . . .	10 20— 42 52
Foreign Missions—	
Cash . . . . .	34 76
Voucher . . . . .	39 74— 94 50
State Missions—	
Cash . . . . .	76 91
Voucher . . . . .	14 30— 91 21
Orphans' Home—	
Cash . . . . .	3 30
Voucher . . . . .	15 08— 18 38
Howard College—	
Cash . . . . .	10 00
Voucher . . . . .	9 05— 19 05
Judson Institute—	
Voucher . . . . .	3 53— 3 53
Ministerial Education—	
Voucher . . . . .	2 00— 2 00
Grand total . . . . .	\$ 400 40

Respectfully submitted,  
F. J. INGRAM,  
A. D. THOMPSON,  
C. Z. LUKER,  
Committee.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

**STATE MISSIONS**—M. W. Whatley, J. R. Jarrell, J. E. Upchurch.  
**HOME MISSIONS**—J. C. Bentley, H. H. Baird, J. W. Moon.  
**FOREIGN MISSIONS**—M. M. Driver, W. H. Preston, A. D. Thompson.  
**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION**—J. R. Conger, F. J. Ingram, C. Z. Luker.  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**—W. D. Haynes, E. A. Phillips, Z. T. Carpenter, W. P. Bell, A. P. Oslin.  
**BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK**—L. B. Gibson, J. J. McCord, J. T. Anderson.  
**SABBATH-SCHOOLS**—John D. Dunn, R. M. Allen, J. W. Partridge.  
**TEMPERANCE**—W. H. Preston, J. G. Hubbard, T. S. Barton.  
**PERIODICALS**—J. D. Garrett, Henry Linton, C. L. Porter.  
**ORPHANS' HOME**—J. C. Motley, M. A. Johnson, J. T. Mountain.

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#### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee on the Orphans' Home of our denomination in this State, respectfully submit the following:

Realizing the sublime privilege bequeathed to the followers of the Cross by our ascended Lord in caring for the helpless, the widow, the orphan, this committee would say they have earnestly and prayerfully considered the subject committed to them, and herewith submit such information on this vital question as they have been able to gather. In the report made by the committee at the last Association we were informed when the Baptists of the State created the Home for the benefit of the unfortunate children of our denomination, where it was located, what it cost, how much was then due on the Home, and how many children had been received up to that date. The committee is glad to report that the Home is now paid for, that it is the property of the Baptists of the State, and while its plan is new, it is better than that of many. It has as bright prospects as the best had at the same age; while there is much needed improvements in the buildings, we should feel justly proud of the Home. Twelve children have been received into the Home since the last report; a total number of 60 since it was created. At present there is in the Home 35 children. It will now comfortably entertain only 40; to add 4 bed rooms, dining room, kitchen, laundry and sick room, which are very much needed, it would accommodate 60. As to the needed improvements, let us say with our voice and our money, let the necessary improvements be made at once. The obligation and the opportunity of doing the work is ours. Let us honor our Lord and his church by meeting the obligation lovingly, fully, and promptly. Let us remember the children, brethren, both in our prayers and contributions, that we may please the Great Master who hath said: "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and hath declared that he will be a father to the fatherless." The current expenses of the Home for the present year has been near \$2500 00, and the committee is compelled to say that our contributions for the last few months have not been sufficient to sustain the Home. Until 1893, strange to say, our denomination in this State had no orphanage. Our contributions were given to the orphanages of other Christians, and our orphans were cared for by them. Now that we have a Home for our destitute orphans, we should esteem it a privilege and a pleasure to equip it to meet the purposes for which it was created. Have the Baptists done their duty?

Try it by the life and rule of Christ. Have we visited these helpless children when they were sick? When our tables were groaning with abundance, did we feed them when they were hungry? Have we ever administered to their heart hunger? Have we tried to see that they did not wear old, worn faces while the roses of childhood should have been flashing from their young cheeks? Let us not only see that they have the wherewithal to be fed and clothed, but let us so provide, so equip and pray for the Home and the children that they may live, and as we would have them to live.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

ORDAINED.

W. T. Davis, Lineville.  
J. W. Knowles, Lineville.  
W. O. Jenkins, Lineville.  
W. J. D. Upshaw, Lineville.  
W. C. Brooks, Ashland.  
M. M. Driver, Millerville.  
J. N. Moore, Ashland.  
W. H. Harvill, Millerville.  
R. M. Allen, Sykesville.  
M. A. Johnson, New Site.  
G. W. Holdridge, Sykesville.  
A. J. Browning,

W. H. Johnston, Chandler Springs.

W. M. Worthey, Maitland.  
R. E. Conger, Hackneyville.  
J. R. Conger, Hackneyville.  
J. A. Dunn, Daviston.  
J. C. Motley, Daviston.  
J. J. McCord, Gibsonville.  
C. I. Wesley, Chandler Springs.  
Alex. Allen, Lesley.  
W. H. Preston, Barfield.  
R. J. Adamson, Dingler.  
B. B. Cotton, Chandler Springs.  
James Mucus, Swan.

LICENTIATES.

R. F. Willingham, Almond.  
J. L. Joiner, Maitland.  
J. Willingham, Dingler.  
G. W. McMullen, Wheelerville.  
I. F. Morgan, Coleta.  
G. R. Wolf, Lineville.

J. W. Carden, Chandler Springs.

J. T. Anderson, Millerville.  
J. M. Fant, Daviston.  
D. R. Laney, Daviston.  
S. Bennett, \_\_\_\_\_.  
J. W. Dean, Miller Valley.  
C. B. Thurman, Ashland.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN—We extend to you our fraternal greeting. The forty-second annual session of the Carey Baptist Association was, in many respects, the most interesting and profitable in its history. Enthusiasm awakened on several subjects will surely tell for good in coming years. We were made to rejoice in the presence of the Master.

Your correspondents were gladly welcomed. We send ours to meet with you. God's blessings rest upon you.

CLERK.

## CONSTITUTION.

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1. This Association shall meet annually as an advisory council, and shall be composed of messengers chosen by the churches of this union, and all regularly ordained ministers of our faith and order within the bounds of the body.
2. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, irrespective of numbers, and one for every additional fifty thereafter over fifty.
3. The messengers and ministers thus convened shall be denominated the **CAROLY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**.
4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present at each session, and shall be of the body, holding their offices until the next election. The Clerk shall also be Treasurer of the Association.
5. The churches of this union shall express in their letters the names of their messengers and their postoffices, Sabbath of meeting, amount of contributions, number baptized, received by letter, restored to fellowship, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last session of this Association.
6. No act of the Association shall be binding on the churches, but it shall be its duty to give advice in matters of difficulty and endeavor to preserve the union of the churches.
7. If any churches desire to be admitted into this union they shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association.
8. Any church may withdraw from this Association at discretion, or, on application, may obtain a letter of dismissal.
9. This Association shall use her own discretion as respects the cause of missions, leaving the churches and members to exercise their own opinion in such cases.
10. If any church in this union shall become offended with a sister church in point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved church to endeavor to reclaim the church thus offending, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained the aggrieved church shall then call in the aid of one or two other churches to act with the first two assisting churchs; and it shall be the duty of the churches thus called, to investigate and decide upon the matter of dealing and to report the same to the Association; and if the said accused church be guilty as charged, the Association shall withdraw from her.
11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions of the same faith and order, and withdraw her correspondence at discretion.
12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members in session.
13. This Association may have power to adjourn to any time and place she may deem most convenient.

## ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

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1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

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1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for Letters from churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Proceed to election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters from churches desiring admission into this body.
5. Appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.
6. Receive correspondents.
7. **DUTIES OF MODERATOR.**—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the members to order before the Association; to receive and submit all questions regularly moved, and announce the result; to enforce the observance of decorum in debate among the members, and in general to perform all the duties incumbent upon a presiding officer.
8. **DUTIES OF CLERK.**—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a fair record of the proceedings; to notify committees of their appointment; to preserve the papers belonging to the Association, and to attend to the printing of the minutes, for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation.
9. **DUTIES OF MEMBERS.**—Members rising to speak shall address the Moderator. 2. Any member, in speaking, shall confine himself to the subject under consideration. 3. No member shall speak more than thrice on the same subject without permission from the Moderator. 4. No member will be permitted to indulge in talking or whispering, or any indecorous conduct, to the annoyance of the body in time of debate. 5. No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.
10. These Rules may be altered by a majority of the members at a regular session of this body.

**STATISTICS OF CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.**

**FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.**